P-20 Council Meeting Notes

Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center

New Castle, DE

Monday, October 9, 2017

Welcome

President of the State Board of Education, Dennis Loftus welcomed Council members to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm.

Members Present: Members Present: Dennis Loftus, Susan Bunting, Kim Sudler, Mark DiMaio, Justina Sapna, Kelly Sherretz, Christine Eisenhower, Jim Wilson, Senator Dave Sokola, Steven Yeatmen, Rhonda Lehman, Deb Stevens

Others Present: Donna Johnson, John Wolgamot, Michael Watson, Shana Payne, Kimberly Kryznowski, Karen Field Rogers, Lindsay Lewis John Pelesko, Diane Albanese, Liz Kelleher

P-20 Council Business

Approval of Minutes

Donna Johnson, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, made a notion to approve the minutes from the last P-20 meeting. The notion was passed unanimously

School Report Card Overview and Stakeholder Engagement Activity

Karen Field Rodgers, Deputy Secretary of Education, and Lindsay Lewis presented an overview of changes that will need to be made to the our state, district, and school report cards, currently known as school profile reports, as a result of requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under ESSA, school report cards must include new information beyond what is currently reported including long-term goals and measures of interim progress, English language proficiency attainment, District pre-school programs, chronic absenteeism.

Ms. Rodgers, and Ms. Lewis engaged the P-20 council in two activities; one that familiarized them with educational terminology and a second that defined state report card elements and properties.

Between now and the end of June 2018, the Department of Education will be hosting a series of stakeholder engagement activities and asking for community input, so the Department can better understand what information is a priority for stakeholders to be represented on the report card and the best way to present that information for ease and use of the data.

Reports from P-20 Subcommittees on Reducing Remediation

Both English language arts and mathematics remediation subcommittees presented updates on their research and subsequent recommendations for next steps. The Math subcommittees update was presented by DDOE Chief Academic Officer, Michael Watson and John Pelesko from the University of Delaware. They presented additional research data that had been reviewed by the committee on demographics and remediation rates as well as correlation trends with respect to remediation rates and student performance. They presented ten recommendations for policy, practice, and additional study of the issue.

Shana Payne, DDOE Director of the Office of Higher Education, presented the recommendations and report from the ELA subcommittee. The recommendations presented were focused into three core areas: Bridging the Gap, Professional Learning, and Communications and Policy. The Committee also presented five recommendations related to those areas within their report which was posted for the review of the Council. The Council will discuss these ideas and develop next steps at a future meeting.

Early Childhood Education Update and Discussion of alignment with P-20 goals

Kim Krzanowski, Director of the Office of Early Learning, presented information on the intricacies of early learning, current progress regarding Delaware's Early Learning goals, and discussed how the Council can best support early learning. She outlined the future goals and initiatives for the Department.

Closing and discussion of future meetings and agenda items

Dr. Susan S. Bunting, Secretary of Education, proposed dates for future P-20 Council meetings in 2018. The dates were Monday, January 8, 2018; Monday, April 9, 2018; Monday, July 9, 2018 and; Monday, October 8, 2018. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm